

First Annual Bureau of Indian Affairs Midwest Region “Partners In Action” Conference August 9 – 11, 2011



Co-hosted by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Grand Casino Events and Convention Center
Hinckley, Minnesota

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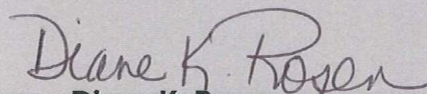


As the Midwest Regional Director, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the First Annual "*Partners in Action Conference*" sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region, and co-hosted by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

The conference was planned with "savings" and "efficiencies" in mind by inviting Tribal Leaders and program staff from all 36 Tribes served by the Midwest Region to jointly meet to discuss topics ranging from Departmental initiatives to regional program updates for both trust and Indian services programs. In addition, there will be speakers to provide information on issues that have been raised as being important to the tribal communities we all serve.

We hope this three day conference will be an excellent opportunity for you to meet with staff from all of the agencies within the Midwest Region and create an opportunity for networking, collaboration, sharing of technical information and the building of relationships. As always, we extend a warm welcome to all our colleagues who share our interest in improving our partnerships in providing services to Indian people.

The beautiful Grand Casino Events and Convention Center provides the setting for this inaugural conference and we would like to thank the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for co-hosting the event. I am looking forward to meeting you all during the course of the week at what promises to be a most valuable and enjoyable conference!


**Diane K. Rosen
Regional Director
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FIRST ANNUAL BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS PARTNERS IN ACTION CONFERENCE

AUGUST 9 - 11, 2011
GRAND CASINO HINCKLEY
CONVENTION CENTER, HINCKLEY, MN

The Date is Here!



OFFICIAL
Conference Agenda
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**THANK YOU FOR
REGISTERING FOR THE
2011 PARTNERS IN
ACTION CONFERENCE!**

The First Annual **Partners in Action** Conference is an opportunity for Tribes and Tribal leaders to participate and share their expertise of tribal and federal programs in regard to trust and Indian services programs.

LODGING INFORMATION

GRAND CASINO HOTEL –
HINCKLEY

Located here in Beautiful Hinckley,
Minnesota.

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ENJOY YOUR STAY!

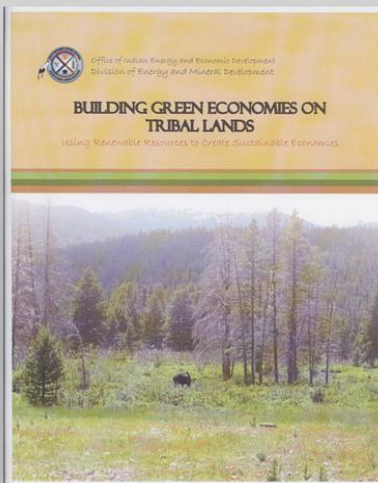
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conference:

- Realty
- Probate
- Fee-to Trust
- Roads
- Forestry
- Social Services
- Self-Determination
- Property
- Budget
- Archeological
- Environmental
- Office of Appraisal Services
- Housing Improvement (HIP)

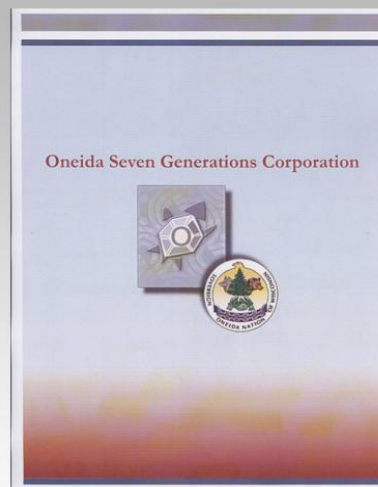
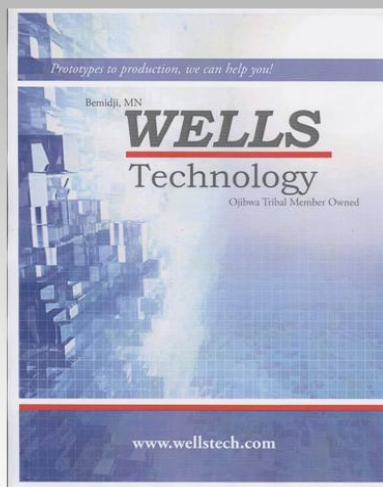
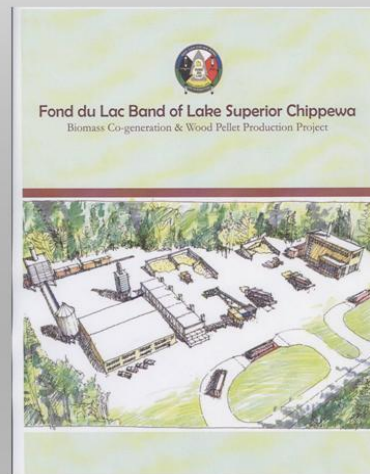


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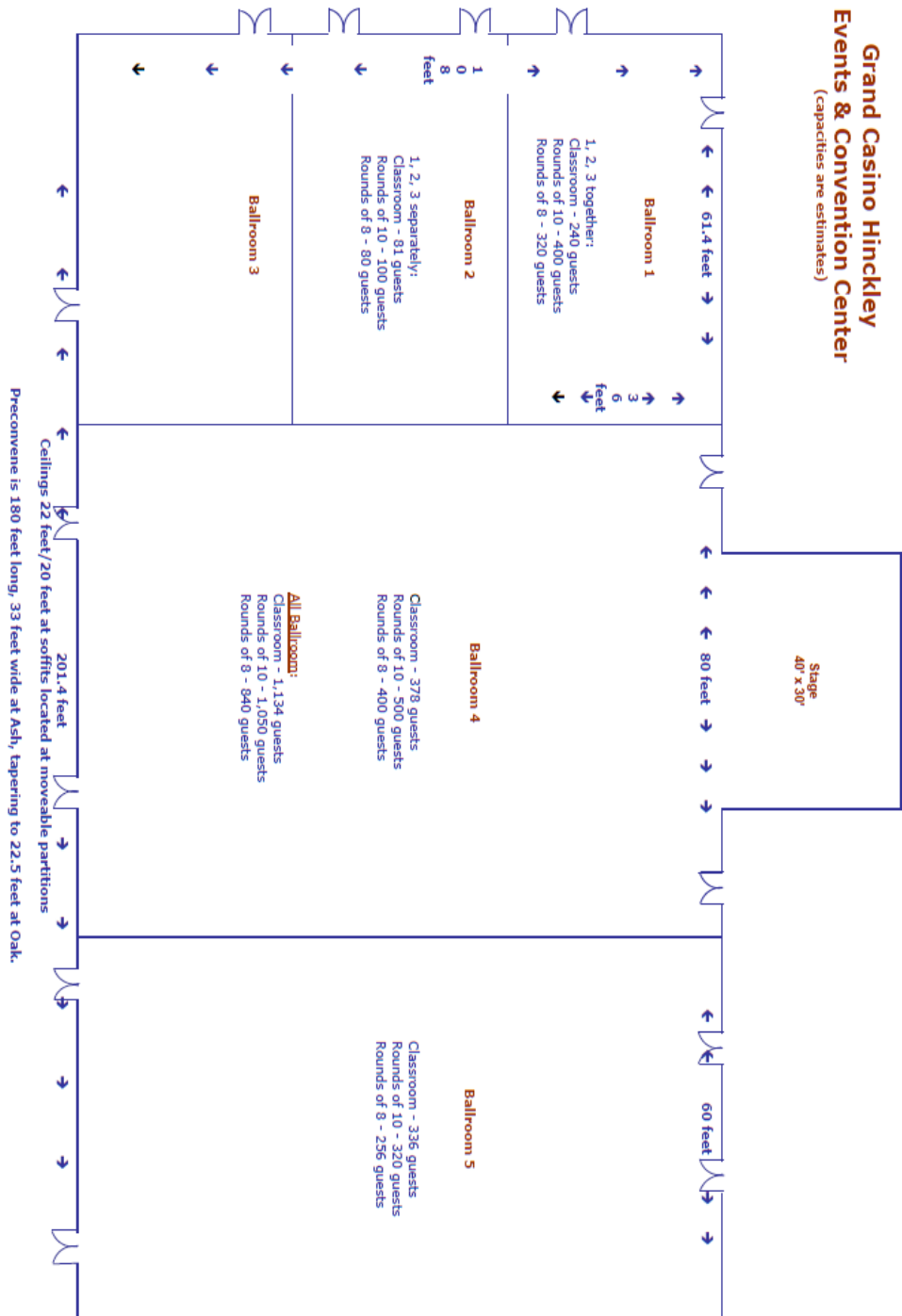
**Join IEED
Thursday
Morning For A
Panel Discussion On Green
Economies In
The Midwest
Region.**



US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Indian Energy and Economic Development and the Tribes and Beneficiaries of the Midwest Region in support of the Departments "Go Green" initiatives.

Grand Casino Hinckley Events & Convention Center

(capacities are estimates)



Each breakout:
 Classroom - 25 guests
 Conference - 25 guests
 U-shape - 20 guests
 Hollow square - 25 guests
 Rounds of 10 - 30 guests
 Rounds of 8 - 24 guests
 Ceilings are 12 feet

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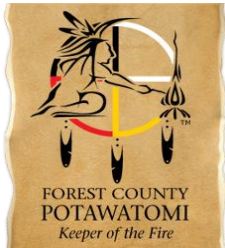
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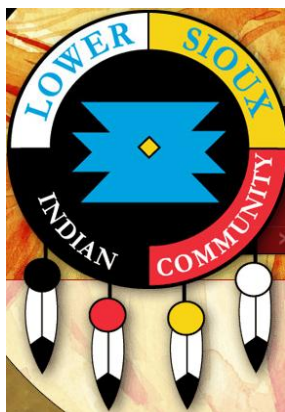


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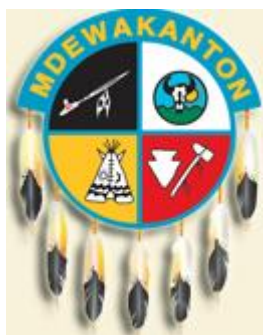


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Let's Move! in Indian Country is a comprehensive initiative dedicated to solving the problem of obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams. Sure, this is an ambitious goal. But with your help, we can do it.

Elected Tribal leaders in rural and reservation communities and other community leaders such as school officials and Urban Indian Center coordinators have the ability to spur action in the areas of health, wellness, nutrition and physical activity. Throughout our country's history, Native communities have provided some of the best examples of healthy food and sustainable community-based practices. Many groups in Indian Country are continuing to lead by example by following traditional paths that have existed for thousands of years.

To build on the strength of this tradition, and to address the obesity health crisis that young American Indians and Alaska Natives are facing, the Obama Administration has formed the interagency collaboration, Let's Move! in Indian Country. Participants include representatives from the First Lady's Let's Move! initiative, the White House Domestic Policy Council, the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, Health and Human Services, and Education. Informed by research and recommendations in the [President's Childhood Obesity Task Force Report](#), we have set four main goals for Let's Move! in Indian Country:

1. Creating a healthy start on life
2. Developing Healthy Learning
3. Communities Increasing Physical Activity
4. Increasing Access to Affordable, Healthy and Traditional Foods

The Let's Move! initiative recognizes we will be building upon many important efforts that are already being made in Indian Country to address the crisis of childhood obesity. And government alone cannot solve the obesity problem and reach the goal of ending the epidemic of obesity in a generation.

We want to support and leverage Indian Country's help, expertise, and commitment on the ground. We want to support public/private sector partnerships that will further support and expand upon the great work happening throughout Indian Country. Each tribe is unique and tribal leaders must be involved in order for Let's Move! in Indian Country to succeed. We want to work with you to reduce childhood obesity and related conditions in your tribe so that Native youth can grow, thrive and meet their full potential in life.

*Call to Action pamphlets have been downloaded on the conference flash drives

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